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SUBJ: STUDENT PROTEST ACTIVITY

REF: SEOUL 2090

1. STUDENT PROTEST ACTIVITY WAS REPORTED APRIL 3
AT THREE COLLEGES OF SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (SNU)
AND HANKUK UNIVERSITY OF FOREIGN STUDIES (HUFUS).
2. ACCORDING TO REPORTER SOURCES, ABOUT 500 STUDENTS
OF SNU MEDICAL COLLEGE HELD AN OUTDOOR ANTI-GOVT
RALLY ON CAMPUS AND DEMANDED RELEASE OF ARRESTED
STUDENTS, ABOLITION OF JAN 8 EMERGENCY MEASURES
AND YUSHIN SYSTEM, AND END TO ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE ON
FOREIGNERS. STUDENTS REPORTEDLY SHOUTED "LET'S
WIN BACK WITH BLOOD FREEDOM STOLEN AT GUNPOINT."
REPORTS OF NUMBER ARRESTED VARY BUT COMMONEST FIGURE
IS ABOUT TWENTY.
3. PRESS SOURCES ALSO REPORT STUDENT PROTEST
ACTIVITY TODAY AT LAW AND LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES OF
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SNU AND AT HUFUS. REPORTEDLY 24 WERE ARRESTED AT HUFUS.

WE HAVE NO ESTIMATE FOR OTHER SCHOOLS.

4. LEAFLETS WERE DISTRIBUTED SAME DAY AT SEVERAL UNIVERSITIES URGING STUDENTS TO ATTEND A MASS RALLY AT CITY HALL PLAZA AT 1400 HOURS. EMBASSY OBSERVER SAW SEVERAL SMALL GROUPS OF STUDENTS IN SIDE STREETS, BUT BY MID-AFTERNOON THEY HAD NOT ATTEMPTED MASS MEETING. AREA WAS HEAVILY PATROLLED BY POLICE.

5. TAEGU BPAO HAS RELIABLE REPORT THAT ABOUT TWELVE STUDENTS OF KYONGBUK UNIVERSITY HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR SPREADING ANTI-GOVT LEAFLETS DURING WEEK OF MARCH 25.

6. COMMENT: DURING THIS WEEK, STUDENT SCENE HAS CLEARLY BEGUN TO BUBBLE WITH ANTI-GOVT ACTIVITY. POLICE WERE ABLE TO CONTROL ALL PROTEST ACTIVITY TODAY. ALTHOUGH NUMBER INVOLVED REMAINS SMALL, THERE IS CLEAR GENERAL CONCERN ABOUT STUDENTS AND LIKELIHOOD OF INCREASING TEMPO OF STUDENT ANTI-GOVT PROTESTS WITH APRIL 19 AS POSSIBLE FOCUS.

7. G-2 HAS A REPORT THAT POLICE ANTICIPATE DEMONSTRATIONS APRIL 4 AT KOREA UNIVERSITY AND APRIL 5 AT YONSEI.
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